

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KABUL 02528 270547Z

21

ACTION OPIC-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-11 TRSE-00 COME-00 AID-20

/054 W

----- 085650

R 270425Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7679

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KABUL 2528

E.O. 11652:NA

TAGS: EFIN, AF

SUBJ: YAQUB LEATHER INDUSTRIES PROJECT

REF: STATE 083991

PASS OPIC AND GENESCO

1. EMBOFF HAS SPOKEN WITH BOTH YAQUBS AND GOA OFFICIALS. DIFFICULTY IS DEFINITION OF QUOTE SEMI-FINISHED LEATHER UNQUOTE. APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPT EXPORT WAS FOR QUOTE SEMI-FINISHED AND FINISHED LEATHER UNQUOTE, AND WHAT YLI IS NOW PRODUCING IS QUOTE PICKLED SKINS UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO GOA CUSTOMS, PICKLED SKINS ARE NOT SEMI-FINISHED LEATHER. UNTIL IT HAS REACHED THE QUOTE WET-BLUE UNQUOTE STAGE, IT IS STILL SKINS, NOT LEATHER.

2. GOA HAS NOT PROHIBITED EXPORT OF THIS CURRENT PRODUCTION. CUSTOMS HOWEVER, STATING THAT YLI HAS TAX EXEMPTION ONLY FOR FINISHED AND SEMI-FINISHED LEATHER, INSISTS ON PAYMENT OF EXPORT TAX OF APPROXIMATELY 6.5 AFGHANIS (ELEVEN CENTS) PER SKIN.

3. YAQUBS HAVE SENT LETTER TO MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES ASKING FOR A RULING ON DEFINITION OF SEMI-FINISHED. EMBASSY HAS TRANSLATED IT FOR THEM TO TRANSMIT COPY TO GENESCO. YUNUS RAFIQ RETURNS TO KABUL TOMORROW,
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KABUL 02528 270547Z

AND MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE FINAL DECISION.

4. EVEN IF RULING AGREES WITH CUSTOMS, YAQUBS ARE FREE
TO EXPORT PICKLED SKINS. LACK OF EXEMPTION WILL,
HOWEVER, REDUCE PROFITABILITY UNTIL THEY ARE ABLE TO
MOVE UP TO NEXT STEP IN LEATHER PROCESSING. FYI. EMBASSY
UNDERSTANDS THAT COMMON INTERPRETATION OF THESE TERMS IN
AFGHANISTAN AGREES WITH CUSTOMS. MAJOR POINT IN GOA
APPROVING YLI WAS LACK OF LEATHER PROCESSING FACILITIES,
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PICKLING PLANTS. END FYI.
ELIOT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LEATHER, TAX LAW, EXPORT CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974KABUL02528
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740100-0771
From: KABUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974048/aaaaagxo.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OPIC
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 083991
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Aug-2002 by worrelsw>; APPROVED <25 FEB 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: YAQUB LEATHER INDUSTRIES PROJECT
TAGS: EFIN, AF, PK, YAQUB LEATHER INDUSTRIES
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005